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1. The Balchik Airfield, located approximately 100 meters (sic) north of Balchik, was constructed by the Rumanians and is approximately four or five kilometers long and three kilometers wide. In 1950, work started on enlarging the field; however, as of December 1951, this work had not been completed. Since the fall of 1951, movement on the Balchik-Topola (N4315 E2816) road has been prohibited. In order to keep traffic away from the airfield, a new road has been constructed connecting Balchik to Boschurets (N4325 E2818). In the fall of 1951, twelve twin-engine planes were based at the airfield.¹
2. The new airfield at Dobrich is located approximately one and one-half kilometers northeast of Dobrich, between the Dobrich-General Toshevo (N4213 E2617) and the Dobrich-Paskalevo (N4338 E2750) roads. Plans have been made for constructing certain field installations underground. As of July 1950, numerous steam shovels and other machinery were being used at the field. As of the spring of 1952, one of the informant's friends, a Trudovak at the airfield, stated that work on the underground installations had not been completed and that approximately 250 trucks were being used at the field to remove the excavated dirt.²
3. The Orlino Airfield is located a few hundred meters east of Orlino (N4143 E2403), Devin District. The field is an old one, having two hangars, a building which serves as headquarters, and barracks for the unit stationed at the field. There are no paved runways. As of July 1952, work had begun on enlarging the field.³
4. The families of 15 to 22 Soviet specialists live in the new building of the Voden Transport (Water Transportation) Enterprise, located on Tsar Kolyan Street in Ruse. Many of the Soviets are assigned to Danube navigation enterprises and allegedly to the project for the construction of a new bridge over the Danube between Ruse and Giurgiu.

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5. As of early 1952, the Militia office in Ruse was located in the building of the Assicurazioni Generali (Central Insurance), on Aleksandrovskaya Street, Ruse.
6. The training area for Ruse garrison troops was located near Obrastsov Chiflik (sic) approximately 10 kilometers southeast of Ruse. The troops are quartered in tents during their training.

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